



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 10 January, 2008

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1. The House met at 10.43 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
 2. Votes and Proceedings:
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 9 January, 2008.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
 3. Petitions:
Four petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Bala Adamu Kuta (Shiroro/Munya/Rafi Federal Constituency), from retired CSP Musa Ahmed
and 47 others, praying the House to intervene in the non - payment of their retirement benefits and grant the reliefs sought in the petition.
 - (ii) Hon. Peace U. Nnaji (Nkanu East/West Federal Constituency), from Mr Agu Kenneth, praying the House to intervene on his alleged maltreatment, unlawful detention, threat to life and attempts to dismiss him from the Service of the Nigerian Navy and to grant the reliefs sought therein.
 - (iii) Hon. Nnenna Ukeje (Bende Federal Constituency), from Ukoh Irogberachi, praying the House to intervene in the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by the National Commission for Colleges of Education and to grant the reliefs sought in his petition.
 - (iv) Hon. Abiodun Adesida (Akure North/South Federal Constituency), from Comrade Akinyosoye P. I. and Omosehin Moses on behalf of 56 disengaged staff of the Federal College of Agriculture Akure, praying the House to investigate their unjust and wrongful disengagement from the Service of the Federal College of Agriculture Akure and to grant the reliefs sought therein.
 4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance:
Invoking Order VIII, Rule 4 (1), Hon. Dino Melaye drew the attention of the House to the Act establishing the Nigena Civil Defence Corps which prohibited the Organisation from carrying firearms and other related matters and sought the leave of the House to debate the matter as one of national urgent public importance. He also sought the leave of the House to suspend the relevant rules in order to debate the matter forthwith.

Mr Speaker ruled that the matter not being urgent in nature, should be presented in a substantive Motion.
 5. Presentation of Rpport:
Committee on Appropriations:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Interim Report of the Committee on Appropriations on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Thirty-
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Eight Million, One Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira (N2,453,638,196,979) only of which the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Billion, Six Hundred Million (N187,600,000,000) only is for Statutory Transfer and the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Billion, Two Hundred Million Naira (N372,200,000,000) only is for Debt Service, while the sum of One Trillion," Two Hundred and Fifty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Five Hundred and Seventeen Thousand, Twenty-One Naira (N 1,259,365,517,021) only is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure and the balance of Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Billion, Seven Hundred and Seventeen Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Nine Naira (N634,717,679,959) only is for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December, 2008 *Hon. Festus Adegoke*).

Debate:

Committee granted more time to present the Report in view of the Revised Revenue Profile, Disclosure of all Special Accounts and Report of unspent/released Capital Funds for 2007.

6. Urgent Need for the Rehabilitation and Construction of the Onitsha/Eastern Bye-Pass Road:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes, the socio-economic importance of the road to the development of the country;

Aware, that Socio-Economic activities of the South-South and the South-Eastern Zones of the Country suffer untold hardship due to the deplorable state of the road;

Worried, that the state of the road has caused irreplaceable loss of human lives and properties;

Concerned, that the bad condition of the road has made it possible for armed robbers to operate with impunity;

Regrets, that contract for the construction of this road awarded in 2002 could not be executed due to inadequate funds;

Disturbed, that if the present situation of the road is not improved, the Socio-Economic activities of the people of these zones will continue to deteriorate.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) and the Federal Ministry of Transportation (Works) as a matter of national importance to make immediate arrangements to rehabilitate the road so as to make it motorable (**Hon. Obinna Chidoka and 29 others**).

Debate:

Motion, by leave of the House withdrawn, since the prayer was already captured in the 2008 Appropriation Bill

7. Rehabilitation of Ewu-Uromi-Igubeben-Ekpon-Agbor Road:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes, the Socio-Economic importance of the road network to the growth of the nation;

Aware, of the poor state of Ewu-Uromi-Igubeben-Agbor Road in Edo and Delta States;

Concerned, that the appropriate Government agencies have not paid attention to this road and such continuous neglect could lead to further degradation with its concomitant effects on lives and properties of Nigerians plying the route;

Worried, that if this road is not rehabilitated on time lives and properties would not be safe economic and social activities of commuters plying the road would come to a stand still.

Resolves to:

Urge the Federal Road **Maintenance** Agency (**FERMA**) to embark on the immediate rehabilitation of the **Ewu-Uromi-Igueben -Agbor** Road (*Hon. Friday Jtulah and 15 Others*).

Debate:

Motion, mutatis mutandem by leave of the House, withdrawn.

- S. A Bill for an Act to **Amend the** Revolving Loans Fund for Industry Act, to Specify the Sources of, and Additional Sums to be Made Available to the Fund Thereof, the Procedure and Manner of Disbursement of Monies Contained Therein to any **Industrial** Concern, and Provide for other Matters Appertain Thereto (HB. 16) — *Second Reading*.

Order read; deferred.

9. **Consideration of Reports:**

(i) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

*Report on the Petition by **Fatima** Adebayo against the Nigeria Police:*

*Motion made and question Proposed, "That **this** House do consider the Report of **the Committee on** Public Petitions on the Petition by Fatima Adebayo against the Nigeria Police and approve the Recommendations **therein**" (*Hon. Yusuf Tuggar*).*

Question put and agreed to.

*Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the **Report** — agreed to.*

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE) (*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Debate:

Recommendations:

(i) that the Petitioner's date of retirement be adjusted to take effect from 13 October, 2006 (*Hon. Yusuf Tuggar*).

Question put and negatived.

(ii) the petitioner's entitlements should be calculated and paid **accordingly** (*Hon. Yusuf Tuggar*).

Consequentially negatived.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in **the Chair**, reported **dial the** House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the Committee **on** Public Petitions on the Petition by Fatima Adebayo against the Nigeria Police and rejected all the Recommendations **therein**".

*Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, **put** and agreed to.*

(ii) *Committee **on** Public **Petitions**:*

*Report **on** the Petition by Miss Bosede Faleke against the Management of Hotel Dabrass:*

*Motion made Question Proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of **the Committee on** Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Bosede Faleke against the **Management** of Hotel Dabrass and approve the Recommendation therein" (*Hon. Yusuf Tuggar*).*

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report — agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)*{Mr Deputy' Speaker in the Chair}**Debate:**Recommendation:*

Following the intervention of the Committee the parties have resolved their dispute and the Committee considers the matter closed *{Hon. Yusuf Tuggar}*.

*Question put and agreed to.**Chairman to Report**Proceedings.***(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Bosede Faleke against **the** Management of Hotel Dabrass and approved the Recommendation therein.

*Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.**(iii) Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Mrs Esther Oyinlola Majekodunmi against the Federal Inland Revenue Service:

Motion made and Question Proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Esther Oyinlola Majekodunmi against the Federal Inland Revenue Service and approve the Recommendation therein" {Hon. YusufTuggar}.

*Question put and agreed to.**Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report — agreed to.***(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE) {Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair}***Debate:**Recommendation:*

The Committee commends the Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service for recalling Mrs

Majekodunmi *{Hon. Yusuf Tuggar}*.

*Question put and agreed to.**Chairman to Report Proceedings.***(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mrs Esther Oyinlola Majekodunmi against *the* Federal Inland Revenue Service and approved the Recommendation therein"

*Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.*10. *Adjournment:*

That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday, 15 January, 2008 at 10.00 a.m. *(Hon. Tunde Akogun)*.

Adjourned accordingly at 12.22 p.m.